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OF

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Nancy Ryerson Pulsifer

of Poland and Sumner, Maine

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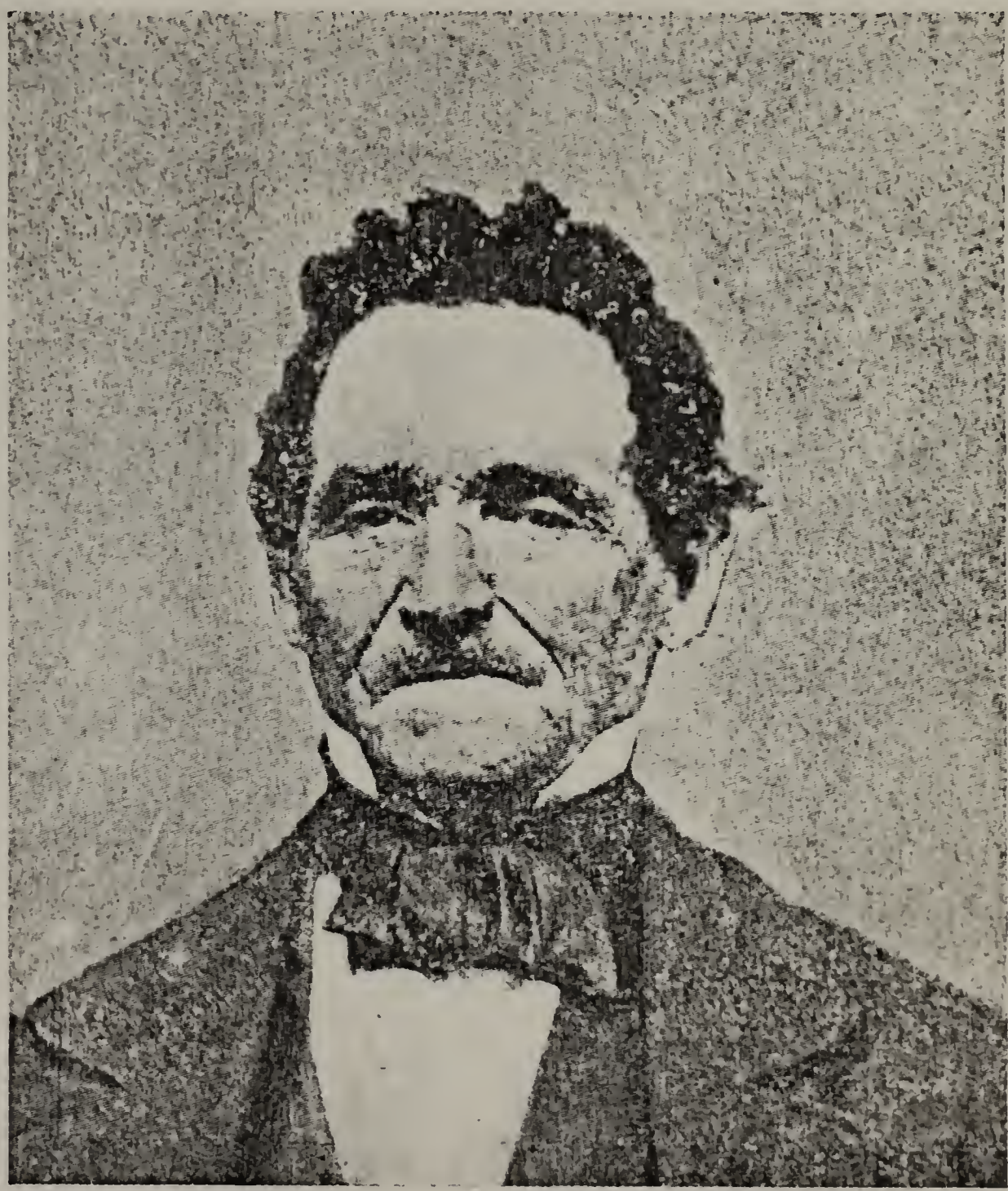

JONATHAN[6] PULSIFER, SECOND

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"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers."

—Proverbs 17 : 6

TO

THE FAITHFUL AND DEVOTED HELPER

MY BELOVED SISTER

MRS. CAMILLE PULSIFER TILTON

WHO ON JUNE 7, 1928, WAS CALLED

TO HER REWARD, I DEDICATE THIS BOOK

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NANCY RYERSON PULSIFER

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FOREWORD

SO far as I have been able to learn, all those in America who bear the name of **Pulsifer** (variations: **Pulcefer, Pulcifer, Pulsypher, Pulsepher, Pulsephar, Pulfer, Pulfor, Pulsever, Pullsifer,** etc.) are descended from Benedict, or Benedictus, Pulsifer who came to America from England. The ancestry as given in the following pages is well established and has been gleaned at intervals during the past quarter of a century from various sources. This book is published in order that the descendants of Jonathan and Nancy Ryerson Pulsifer may learn not only all that there is to know concerning them, but may be able to trace definitely the line from Benedict to Jonathan.

Much of the information about the early ancestors of the Pulsifer family has been obtained from the history of Gloucester, Massachusetts; the town records of Ipswich, Massachusetts; David Pulsifer who was formerly an engrossing clerk in the Secretary of State's office in Boston; James A. Pulsifer, Esq., of Auburn, Maine; the official publication entitled "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution," Volume 12; the excellent paper of Charles Louis Pulsifer of Auburn, New York; William Henry Pulsifer's manuscript of the Pulsifer genealogy; the Poland, Maine, town records; History of Poland, published in 1890; a careful study of the Pulsifer family by the writer's sister, Mrs. Camille M. Tilton; and many other sources.

Every authority consulted agrees that Benedict, or Benedictus, was the founder of the family in this country who settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts, in or before 1659. At a court held at Ipswich, September 24, 1678, Benedict Pulsephar, as he spelled his name, deposed that he had been in the town of Ipswich nineteen years. No record that the writer has examined gives the exact date of Benedict Pulsifer's arrival in this country. Per-

haps he, upon arrival, went immediately to Ipswich. If so, he must have reached that place in 1659. According to Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, Benedict was known to be in New England in 1662. If Benedict, or Benedictus, arrived in America in 1659, he was here one year before Charles II ascended the English throne. Charles I, the father of Charles II, was beheaded at Whitehall, England, January 30, 1649, ten years before Benedict came to this country. I am at pains to mention this, because it has been claimed by some that Benedict changed his name when he reached America from **Pulford**, a well-known English family name, to **Pulsephar**, according to his spelling, in order to escape the emissaries of Charles II, whom it was thought Benedict feared, as Benedict was a Puritan in England and was perhaps connected with Cromwell's army that was responsible for the beheading of Charles I.

—William E. Pulsifer

Coat of Arms of the Pulford Family
of Chester County, England

(Silver cross patonce on a black shield)

THE SURNAME PULSIFER

The surname **Pulsifer** is found in the following variations, among others:

Pulfor

Pulcefer	**Pulfer**
Pulsefer	**Pulsipher**
Pulcifer	**Pulcepher**
Pulsepher	**Pulsypher**
Pulsephar	**Pulsever**
Pullsipher	**Pullsifer**

These variations in the spelling of the name are not remarkable, as the enrolling clerks at the time of the Revolution were not good spellers. They spelled the name of an enlisting man as it sounded, and the names of each of the fifteen Pulsifers who served in the War of the Revolution were likely to have been spelled in different ways.

Benedict Pulsifer was unquestionably the first of the name living in America, and the founder of the family in this country. "A careful search through directories, visitations to historical societies, etc.," writes William Henry Pulsifer, "failed to reveal the existence of the name in England, and every indication points to that country as the place of the birth of Benedictus." The same writer says that he has been forced to the conclusion that by either accident or design the name of the emigrant was changed when he left his native country. It may be that Benedict's English name was **Pulford,** but of this there is no positive proof. Mr. William Henry Pulsifer agrees that there is no proof of this and is of the opinion that the change of name from **Pulford** to **Pulsifer** was accidental. He assumes that variations in orthography, sometimes violent, were common at that time.

James A. Pulsifer, Esq., has written a very interesting account of a possible origin of the name. His article headed "Origin of the Pulsifer Name—How a family happened to develop in the days of old," written November 11, 1912, at Auburn, Maine, is as follows:

"Tennyson justly remarks in one of his poems:

"'Trust me, Lady Vere de Vere,
From yon blue heaven above us bent
The gardener Adam and his wife
Smile at the claims of long descent.
Howe'er it be it seems to me
'Tis only noble to be good;
Kind hearts are more than coronets
And simple faith than Norman blood.'

"The smile referred to may be promoted by a consideration of the following historical romance. There existed in ancient times in Florence, Italy, a family bearing the name of **Pulci** (pronounced **Pulchee**), undoubtedly derived from the Latin **pulcher**, meaning **beautiful.** This family included merchants, artisans, and sailors, as well as literary men, of the latter of whom the famous Luigi Pulci was the most renowned example.

"During the great spread of Florentine commerce a member of this family, at about the time of the Norman conquest, either for commercial reasons or because attracted as other learned men of foreign birth were by the brilliant court of William, settled in England.

"The fashion of having family names was brought into England with the Normans and gradually spread thruout the whole kingdom. Men of the Saxon race as well adopted the idea. All classes began to take as a permanent family patronymic some name suggested by their occupation, the localities in which they lived, or some incident in their career creditable to them. Some had names thrust upon them which they never would have chosen for themselves, and others were given names in compliment for some distinguished act of virtue, some noteworthy acquirement, or some grace of person.

"Bearing in mind the Latin meaning of the Florentine name of **Pulci,** our ancestor being especially distinguished for good looks, his friends and acquaintances called him **Pulci-vir**—'hand-

some man.' The middle syllable of his name was speedily Anglicized, metathesis took place respecting the **vir** for euphony, and so in due course of time the name **Pulcifer** or **Pulsifer** (handsome man) was handed down as a very euphonious and descriptive family name."

The same authority says:

"If we assume that the name is of Anglo-Saxon origin, then it could readily be derived from the Anglo-Saxon verb **pullian** from which our verb **pull** or **pulls** is derived, and from the obsolete Anglo-Saxon preposition or adverb **ifere**, which means **together**."

He also thinks that this might possibly be accepted on the theory that the original Angles and Saxons were fisher folk and that the name came from the habit of the boatmen of pulling together.

The common spelling of our name is **Pulsifer.** How this spelling happened to be agreed upon, the writer does not know, but evidently it has been more used than any other spelling and is today accepted by practically all the members of our family.

All the living representatives of the Pulsifer family whose common ancestor was Benedictus can take great pride in the record of his descendants as useful and honorable citizens. Several members of the Pulsifer family have been clergymen, a large number physicians, a goodly number attorneys of note, several have been well-known publishers and writers, a number have been professors and teachers, several have been bankers, and a large number successful merchants. However, the great majority of the Pulsifer family have been rather prosperous farmers. A large number of the members of the family have been church members. In their several communities they have been known as religious and highly moral people. Many of the Pulsifer family have been men and women of large means. They have all accumulated money enough to give them a very comfortable living.

They have also been known as patriotic citizens. It has been said that fifteen Pulsifers served in the War of the Revolution.

but prior to that time Benedict[2] Pulsifer, Junior, served in Captain Abraham Tilton's Company which took part in the expedition to Quebec in 1690. Several Pulsifers served in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, and a large number served in the War of the Rebellion. The writer has not looked up the record of the Pulsifers who served in the recent World War. He has, however, no doubt it would show that several members of our family were engaged in that frightful struggle.

The writer says again that this is a record of which every living Pulsifer may well be proud.

KEY TO NUMERALS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The small exponent figure after a given name indicates the number of the generation from the common ancestor, Benedict Pulsifer; for example:

JONATHAN^{6} PULSIFER (**Ephraim,^{5} David,^{4} Jr., David,^{3} John,^{2} Benedict^{1}**). (*See page 29.*)

The Arabic numeral before a name stands for the order of descent from **Jonathan^{6} Pulsifer,** starting with him as 1. When a plus sign (+) appears before an Arabic number, it means that the person named had one or more children and that detailed information regarding them is given later under that number in a separate section.

The small Roman numerals indicate the number of children, arranged according to date of birth.

b. stands for *born.*
d. " " *died.*
m. " " *married.*
unm. " " *unmarried.*

LINE OF DESCENT FROM BENEDICT[1] PULSIFER TO JONATHAN[6] PULSIFER

Benedict[1] Pulsifer had settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts, according to his own statement, by 1659. He was probably married a year or two before coming to this country. He very likely brought his wife and infant son, Benedict,[2] Junior, to Ipswich. By this wife he had a son John,[2] in addition to Benedict,[2] Junior, and a daughter, Elizabeth.[2] We have no record of the birth of the sons, but Elizabeth's birth in 1669 is recorded in the town records of Ipswich. His first wife, of whose maiden name we are ignorant, died at Ipswich, July 16, 1673. "His sons," Mr. William Henry Pulsifer says, "were of little help or comfort to him evidently. John moved to Gloucester, where he became a respected member of the family. There he probably supplemented his income as a farmer by occasionally building or helping to build houses for his neighbors. He is styled in one document 'yeoman,' and in another 'mason.'" In the "History of Gloucester" (J. J. Babson—1860), page 130, appears the following:

> "John Pulcifer or Pulsever settled about 1680, according to tradition, near a spot still occupied by one of his descendants on the old road leading to Coffin's Beach (Gloucester). In 1688 he had a piece of land 'given to the house where he then lived.'"

Benedict,[2] Junior, proved to be a "roving blade," according to Mr. William Henry Pulsifer. "We hear," says Mr. Pulsifer, "of a Benedict Pulsepher engaged in an Indian fight in Maine in 1688. This was probably Benedict, Junior. Cotton Mather refers to the incident in his 'Magnalia Christi Americana,' London, 1702, Book VII, page 63. Benedict,[2] Junior, probably never married. In 1690 he engaged in Sir William Phip's expedition to Quebec as a member of Captain Abraham Tilton's Company, and it is quite possible that he was killed or taken prisoner in the unfortunate attempt to capture that Canadian stronghold."

"A Compendious History of New England" by Morse and Parrish, page 246, makes a confirmatory reference to this episode.

After the death of his first wife July 16, 1673, Benedict,[1] Senior, married, in the succeeding February, Susana Waters of Salem, Massachusetts, who was the fifth daughter of Richard and Joyce Waters. She was born at Salem, Massachusetts, February 1, 1649. "Benedict Pulsephar, Senior, brought his young wife to Ipswich immediately after his marriage and entered upon what might be termed the second period of his career." The records show that this young wife was rather vain. She liked to adorn herself. "She, among others, braved the laws in 1675 by appearing in the meeting house with a silk hood and scarf. She and the others were arrested, tried, and fined ten shillings each for yielding to their vanity."

Benedict[1] Pulsifer was a man of some means. He was also "a man of considerable education in a period when educated Englishmen were rare."

Late in 1663, or early in 1664, he bought a dwelling house with outhouse, orchard, gardens, etc., of Moses Pingry of Ipswich, Massachusetts, which property Pingry had acquired in 1652 of Richard Scofield, who came to New England in 1635. This estate was situated on the north side of the "Town River." Its site is now occupied by a factory. The original deed to this property was either lost or "casually burned," and on February 7, 1667, Pingry made a supplementary deed of the property which he gave Benedict[1] Pulsifer. Benedict[1] was then styled a "planter."

He added to his estate in 1664. In the same year (1664) the town of Ipswich granted him a share (No. 55) in the town lands on Plum Island, Castle Neck, and Hogg Island. He continued to reside at Ipswich, pursuing his occupation as planter or farmer for many years.

SANBORN'S STOCK FARM

(Subsequently called the Elmwood Farm)

Site of the farm bought by David[4] Pulsifer, Jr., at Poland, Me., in 1790.
The Sanborn farm buildings were totally destroyed by fire June 15, 1908.

BENEDICT[1] PULSIFER TO JONATHAN[6] PULSIFER

BENEDICT[1] (or BENEDICTUS) PULSIFER, b. in England about 1635; d. Ipswich, Mass., 1710; settled at Ipswich by 1659; m. first wife (maiden name unknown); m. Feb., 1674, second wife, Susana Waters of Salem, Mass., b. Feb. 1, 1649, d. Dec. 21, 1726.

JOHN[2] PULSIFER, b. Ipswich, Mass., probably about 1663; d. Aug. 27, 1737; settled at Gloucester, Mass., about 1680; m. Dec. 31, 1684, Joanna Kent, b. 1665, twin sister of Mercy Kent and daughter of Thomas Kent who served in King Philip's War.

DAVID[3] PULSIFER, b. Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 9, 1701; d. 1791; m. Mary Maxwell.

"John[2] Pulsifer, May 22, 1735, in accordance with a custom of the time and being then 72 years of age deeded to his son, David, 'in consideration of good and honorable maintenance of myself and wife and £25, the homestead on west side of Annisquam River, east by the highway, also a thatch lot that was given me by the town lying on Jones River, and all horses, neat cattle, hogs, sheep, etc.'"

DAVID[4] PULSIFER, JUNIOR, b. Essex, Mass., 1730; d. Poland, Me., 1832; m. Feb. 4, 1762, Hannah Pulsifer, b. Brentwood, Mass., 1729; d. 1831. Children: 9 (Pulsifer):

Jonathan,[5] (the First)	Hannah[5]
Ephraim[5]	Sarah[5]
David[5] } twins	Mary[5]
Samuel[5] } twins	Susannah[5]
Solomon[5]	

David[4] Pulsifer, Jr., served as a private in the Revolutionary War. In 1790 he settled in Poland, Maine, where he moved from Essex, Mass., taking all his family with him except Hannah (Mrs. Knowlton) who followed him some twenty-five years afterwards with part of her family. David,[4] Jr., purchased his farm

at Bakersfield, now Poland, consisting of five hundred acres of land, at $1.25 per acre which he divided among his sons, all men grown. Two of his sons, Jonathan[5] and Ephraim,[5] had already married and had children. These two sons followed the sea previous to emigration to Maine. David and his sons cleared up the farm by cutting and burning the trees, which farm remained in the Pulsifer family for nearly a century. The last Pulsifer owner of this farm was Hon. John Rust Pulsifer. It was sold to Mr. James S. Sanborn of Chase & Sanborn, Boston, in 1886, and was known as the Sanborn farm and later as the Elmwood farm. After Mr. Sanborn's purchase of the property from Hon. John Rust Pulsifer he erected on it one of the largest, most commodious, and finely finished barns to be found in New England. On the Sanborn or Elmwood farm Mr. Sanborn bred fine horses. The Elmwood farm lay on the south side of the country road and along the western boundary of New Gloucester, Me., in the "Empire Settlement."

EPHRAIM[5] PULSIFER, b. Gloucester, Mass., July, 1766; d. Poland, Me., Sept. 20, 1854; m. Betsey Gilbert, July 15, 1789, Gloucester, Mass. Children: 10 (Pulsifer):

Ephraim,[6] Junior	Betsey[6]
Jonathan,[6] Second	Rachel[6]
Moses[6]	Nancy[6]
Samuel[6]	Clara[6]
Benjamin[6]	
Isaac[6]	

Ephraim[5] moved to Poland, Maine, with his father, David[4] Pulsifer, Jr.

LINE FROM JONATHAN[6] PULSIFER

SIXTH GENERATION

1. JONATHAN[6] PULSIFER, SECOND (**Ephraim,[5] David,[4] Jr., David,[3] John,[2] Benedict[1]**), b. Poland, Me., Feb. 15, 1792; d. Sumner, Me., March 18, 1876; m. Poland, Me., 1816, Nancy Ryerson of Poland, Me., b. March 9, 1798; d. Nov. 1, 1858, Sumner, Me. He moved from Poland to Sumner, Me., March 3, 1828. There was deeded to him at that time by Willard Doble, of Sumner, a certain parcel of land situated in said town of Sumner and bounded as follows:

> Beginning at the northwest corner of the town of Sumner, thence southwardly on the line between the towns of Sumner and Woodstock, one hundred rods to the Great Brook, so-called; thence down said brook as it now runs to Stake and Stones, to John Cox's land; thence north to the north line of the town of Sumner; thence westward on the town line to the point first mentioned, containing seventy-five acres more or less.

In October, 1835, Jonathan[6] Pulsifer, (the Second), bought of Joseph Benson a certain tract or parcel of land on Crocket Hill on the north westerly side of a road leading from (Jackson Village) West Sumner, Me., to Paris, Me. This farm was subsequently deeded to two of his sons, Hiram[7] and Moses Gilbert[7] in consideration of the maintenance of himself and his wife, Nancy (Ryerson) Pulsifer, during the rest of their lives. On this farm were born two of the children of Hiram[7] and Harriet (Howard) Pulsifer, viz., Viella A.[8] and George B.[8]; also two of the children of Moses Gilbert[7] and Nancy A. (Hamilton) Pulsifer, viz., William E.[8] and Lavina A.[8] In 1860 Moses Gilbert[7] sold his interest in this farm and moved to (Jackson Village) West Sumner, Me.

The seven children of Jonathan[6] and Nancy Ryerson Pulsifer were:

2. i. **Christina R.,**[7] b. Poland, Me., March 29, 1817; d. Sumner, Me., June 20, 1854; m. first, a Mr. Fuller (given name unknown); second, a Mr. Shaw (given name unknown).

+ 3. ii. **Charles R.,**[7] b. Poland, Me., Aug. 23, 1818. (See later, under 3.)

+ 4. iii. **Joseph,**[7] b. Sumner, Me., July 22, 1824.

+ 5. iv. **Hiram,**[7] b. Sumner, Me., Jan. 10, 1826.

+ 6. v. **Moses Gilbert,**[7] b. Sumner, Me., Nov. 2, 1828.

+ 7. vi. **Horatio Russ,**[7] b. Sumner, Me., Dec. 18, 1832.

+ 8. vii. **Sarah Jane,**[7] b. Aug. 19, 1839.

SEVENTH GENERATION

3. CHARLES R.[7] PULSIFER, b. Poland, Me., Aug. 23, 1818; d. Sumner, Me., June 28, 1881; m. Harriet L. Hopkinson at Saco, Me. Children: 3 (Pulsifer):

+ 9. i. **Marcia E.,**[8] b. Sept. 30, 1842.

+ 10. ii. **Charles M.,**[8] b. Lowell, Mass., March 18, 1845.

+ 11. iii. **George E.,**[8] b. Poland, Me., March 19, 1851.

4. JOSEPH[7] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., July 22, 1824; d. Sumner, Me., Oct., 1900; m. Mary Jackson Seavey at Lowell, Mass. Children: 5 (Pulsifer):

12. i. **Leroy E.**,[8] b. Sept. 1, 1853; d. Sumner, Me., Feb. 12, 1856.

+ 13. ii. **Elizabeth Ann**,[8] b. Paris, Me., Sept. 27, 1857.

+ 14. iii. **Nellie V.**,[8] b. Sumner, Me., Oct. 28, 1858.

+ 15. iv. **Hattie Moore**,[8] b. Sumner, Me., Feb. 1, 1864.

16. v. **Fred L.**,[8] b. March 4, 1870; d. Sumner, Me., April 21, 1912.

5. HIRAM[7] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., Jan. 10, 1826; d. So. Paris, Me., April 2, 1912; m. March 20, 1849, Lowell, Mass., Harriet C. Howard. Children: 7 (Pulsifer):

+ 17. i. **Viella A.**,[8] b. West Sumner, Me., March 24, 1850.

+ 18. ii. **George B.**,[8] b. West Sumner, Me., Nov. 27, 1851.

19. iii. **Ellen Louise**,[8] b. West Sumner, Me., Nov. 29, 1859; d. March 10, 1920; m. July 4, 1879, West Sumner, Me., Ambrose Durgin of West Sumner.

+ 20. iv. **Franklin Pearl**,[8] b. West Sumner, Me., April 20, 1861.

+ 21. v. **Edgar D.**,[8] b. West Sumner, Me., April 30, 1864.

+ 22. vi. **Walter H.**,[8] b. West Sumner, Me., Dec. 19, 1866.

23. vii. **Llewellyn E.**,[8] b. West Sumner, Me., Jan. 22, 1871; m. Natick, Mass., Jan. 1, 1896, Frances M. Chandler of West Sumner, Me.

6. MOSES GILBERT[7] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., Nov. 2, 1828; d. Auburn, Me., Feb. 26, 1893; m. Lowell, Mass., July 4, 1851, Nancy Amelia Hamilton, b. Johnson, Vt., Aug. 1, 1829, d. Auburn, Me., April 28, 1915. Children: 4 (Pulsifer):

+ 24. i. **William Edmond**,[8] b. Sumner, Me., April 16, 1852.

+ 25. ii. **Lavina A.**,[8] b. Sumner, Me., Oct. 23, 1857.

+ 26. iii. **Camille M.**,[8] b. Sumner, Me., Feb. 24, 1860.

+ 27. iv. **Annie L.**,[8] b. Sumner, Me., July 10, 1863.

7. HORATIO RUSS[7] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., Dec. 18, 1832; d. Natick, Mass., July 3, 1899; m. March 12, 1851, Sumner, Me., Mary Jane Freeman. Children: 3 (Pulsifer):

28. i. **Henry F.**,[8] b. Paris, Me., Sept. 9, 1854; d. Paris, Me., Aug. 8, 1863.

+ 29. ii. **Emma J.**,[8] b. Paris, Me., June 23, 1864.

+ 30. iii. **Frank F.**,[8] b. Paris, Me., March 31, 1867.

8. SARAH JANE[7] PULSIFER, b. Aug. 19, 1839; d. Paris, Me., May 31, 1898; m. Paris Hill, Me., Feb. 14, 1857, A. F. Barrows. Children: 6 (Barrows):

+ 31. i. **Alberta J.**,[8] b. Auburn, Me., Nov. 1, 1857.

32. ii. **Frederick W.**,[8] b. Sumner, Me., Feb. 13, 1861; d. Sumner, Me., Sept. 19, 1862.

+ 33. iii. **Frank E.**,[8] b. No. Buckfield, Me., June 25, 1866.

34. iv. **Charles A.**,[8] b. Buckfield, Me., March 25, 1868; d. Paris, Me., July 15, 1884.

+ 35. v. **Frederick M.**,[8] b. Buckfield, Me., July 31, 1870.

+ 36. vi. **Sarah A.**,[8] b. Buckfield, Me., June 22, 1878.

EIGHTH GENERATION

9. MARCIA E.[8] PULSIFER, b. Sept. 30, 1842; d. Auburn, Me., June 14, 1892; m. Auburn, Me., Nov. 2, 1859, Thomas P. Mitchell, d. Auburn, Me., Aug. 4, 1898. Children: 6 (Mitchell):

+ 37. i. **Harriet E.**,[9] b. Auburn, Me., March 14, 1861.

+ 38. ii. **Fannie E.**,[9] b. Sumner, Me., Aug. 13, 1866.

39. iii. **Charles C.**,[9] b. Auburn, Me., April 2, 1868; d. Feb. 4, 1895; unm.

+ 40. iv. **Harry C.**,[9] b. Auburn, Me., June 9, 1870.

41. v. **Ralph T.**,[9] b. Minot, Me., July 13, 1876; m. Boston, Mass., 1897, Emma Hickey Sandsworth.

+ 42. vi. **George E. P.**,[9] b. Sumner, Me., March 4, 1878.

10. CHARLES M.[8] PULSIFER, b. Lowell, Mass., March 18, 1845; d. Auburn, Me., Dec. 24, 1913; m. West Sumner, Me., Nov. 28, 1866, Ida A. Swift of Paris, Me. Children: 4 (Pulsifer):

+ 43. i. **Jessie E.**,[9] b. West Sumner, Me., June 17, 1869.

+ 44. ii. **Velma E.**,[9] b. West Sumner, Me., Feb. 9, 1876.

45. iii. **Charles F.**,[9] b. Norway, Me., July 22, 1883; d. Nov. 6, 1883.

+ 46. iv. **Carrie E.**,[9] b. Norway, Me., March 29, 1889.

11. GEORGE E.[8] PULSIFER, b. Poland, Me., March 19, 1851; d. Feb. 14, 1914; m. March 22, 1873, Flora H. Ripley, b. Paris, Me., Sept. 21, 1851. Children: 3 (Pulsifer):

+ 47. i. **Harry E.**,[9] b. Sumner, Me., June 27, 1875.

48. ii. **Arthur M.**,[9] b. Sumner, Me., Sept. 23, 1877; d. May 11, 1902.

49. iii. **Bertha**,[9] b. Jan. 16, 1882; d. the same day.

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13. ELIZABETH ANN[8] PULSIFER, b. Paris, Me., Sept. 27, 1857; d. March 26, 1927; m., first, R. M. Chandler of Sumner, Me.; m., second, E. D. Tuell. Child by first husband (Chandler):

+ 50. i. **Walter M.,**[9] b. West Sumner, Me., Sept. 12, 1876.

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14. NELLIE V.[8] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., Oct. 28, 1858; d. Nov. 28, 1927; m. Herbert L. Ryerson. Children: 2 (Ryerson):

+ 51. i. **Susie E.,**[9] b. Sumner, Me., March 16, 1877.

+ 52. ii. **Emery Alexander,**[9] b. West Sumner, Me., Jan. 13, 1886.

15. HATTIE MOORE[8] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., Feb. 1, 1864; m. I. Oscar Swift of Sumner, Me. Children: 3 (Swift):

+ 53. i. **Bertha Agnes,**[9] b. West Sumner, Me., July 30, 1897.

54. ii. (Name unknown), died in infancy.

55. iii. (Name unknown), died in infancy.

17. VIELLA AMELIA[8] PULSIFER, b. West Sumner, Me., March 24, 1850; d. March 7, 1916; m. Woodstock, Me., Nov. 18, 1866, Aaron D. Cotton. Children: 2 (Cotton):

+ 56. i. **Auburn H. H.,**[9] b. West Sumner, Me., Jan. 2, 1870.

57. ii. **Nellie L.,**[9] b. West Sumner, Me., July 24, 1874; d. April 5, 1909; m. Boston, Mass., Arthur W. Doubleday.

18. GEORGE B.[8] PULSIFER, b. West Sumner, Me., Nov. 27, 1851; d. Aug. 2, 1916; m. Mechanic Falls, Me., May 1, 1875, Ada E. Hall of Buckfield, Me. Children: 2 (Pulsifer):

+ 58. i. **Shirley H.,**[9] b. Buckfield, Me., June 15, 1876.

+ 59. ii. **Walter H.,**[9] b. Paris, Me., Nov. 22, 1883.

20. FRANKLIN PEARL[8] PULSIFER, b. West Sumner, Me., April 20, 1861; d. Sept. 21, 1927; m., first, Belmont, Mass., May 18, 1882, Lizzie I. Brown of Colerain, Mass., d. Aug. 15, 1882; m., second, Sadie F. Cameron of Pictou, N. S., Canada. Child (Pulsifer) by second marriage.

60. i. **Bertha L.,**[9] b. Lynn, Mass., July 4, 1888.

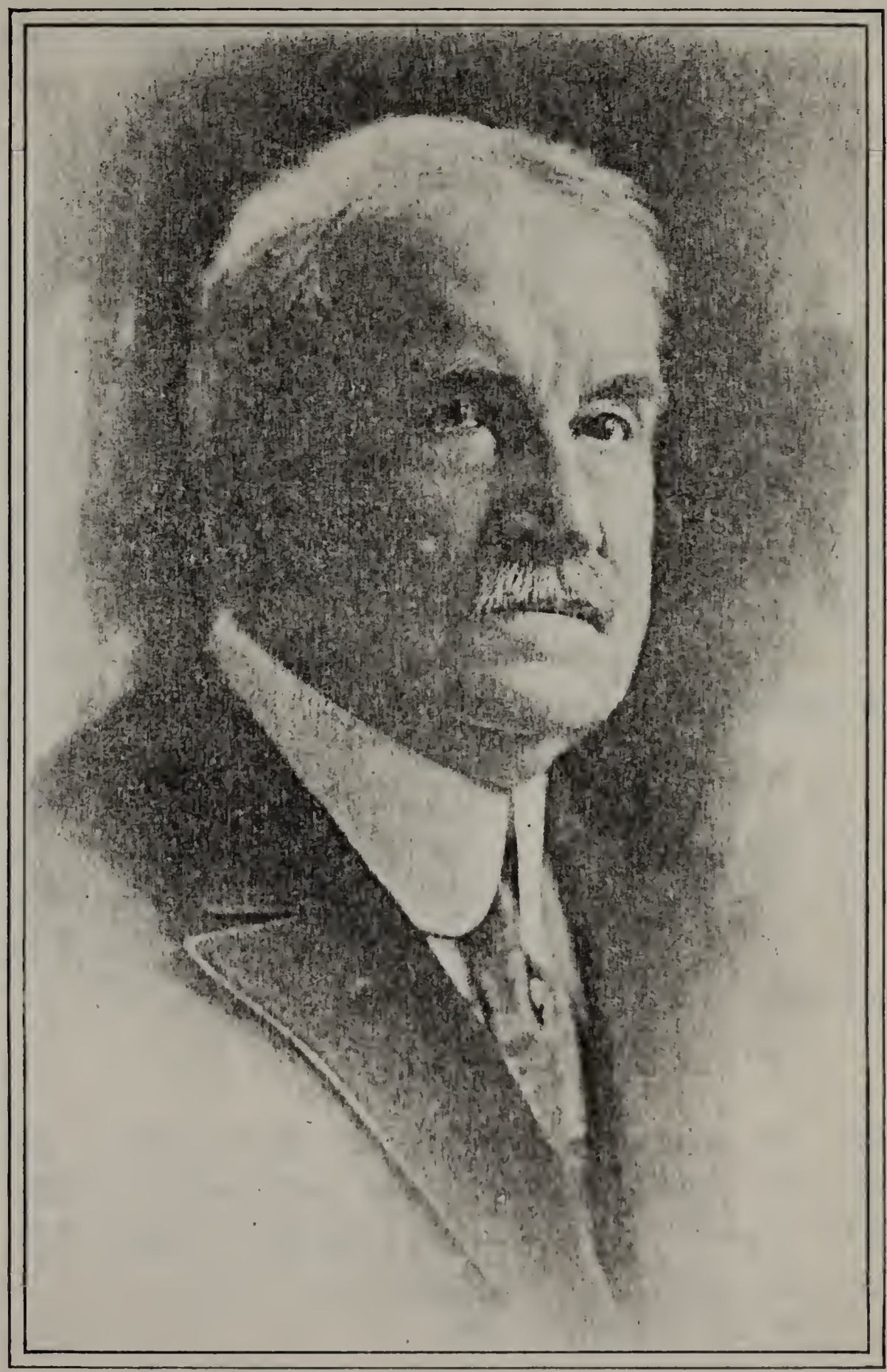
21. EDGAR D.[8] PULSIFER, b. West Sumner, Me., April 30, 1864; d. Dec. 21, 1916; m. Natick, Mass., Sept. 7, 1887, Emma J. Shell of Boston, Mass. Children: 4 (Pulsifer):

+ 61. i. **Rose Harriett,**[9] b. Natick, Mass., June 10, 1888.

62. ii. **Irving Edgar,**[9] b. Natick, Mass., July 19, 1897; m. Marlboro, Mass., Oct. 5, 1927, Helen Wentworth Richardson.

63. iii. **Wallace Hiram,**[9] b. Natick, Mass., June 4, 1902.

64. iv. **Howard George,**[9] b. Natick, Mass., June 24, 1906; Mass. Agric. College (Amherst).



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22. WALTER H.[8] PULSIFER, b. West Sumner, Me., Dec. 19, 1866; d. Jan. 16, 1913; m. Jamaica Plain, Mass., Feb. 12, 1896, Nellie T. Gaskell of Boston, Mass. Children: 2 (Pulsifer):

+ 65. i. **Julien Murray,**[9] b. Jamaica Plain, Mass., Jan. 16, 1897.

66. ii. **Donald Howard,**[9] b. Jamaica Plain, Mass., Aug. 18, 1910.

24. WILLIAM EDMOND[8] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., April 16, 1852; m., first, Aug., 1874, Sarah Chamberlain Gilman of Foxcroft, Me.; m., second, New York City, Aug., 1906, Julia M. Martin of New York City. A.M., Litt.D., Phi Beta Kappa (Alpha Chapter). Children: 2 (Pulsifer) by first marriage:

67. i. **Mary Gilman,**[9] b. Sumner, Me., Jan. 26, 1876; A.B.

+ 68. ii. **Lester Scott,**[9] b. Stoughton, Mass., Oct. 10, 1877.

25. LAVINA A.[8] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., Oct. 23, 1857; d. Auburn, Me., March 16, 1908; m. May 1, 1870, H. W. Field of Buckfield, Me. One child (Field):

69. i. **William H.,**[9] b. Sumner, Me., Oct. 10, 1871.

26. CAMILLE M.[8] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., Feb. 24, 1860; d. Auburn, Me., June 7, 1928; m. Sumner, Me., Sept. 4, 1878, Ardon F. Tilton of Sumner, Me. Children: 3 (Tilton):

70. i. **Charles C.,**[9] b. Sumner, Me., April 9, 1880; d. Auburn, Me., May 9, 1899.

+ 71. ii. **Merton E.,**[9] b. Buckfield, Me., March 21, 1883.

+ 72. iii. **Ardon F.,**[9] **Jr.,** b. Bethel, Me., Dec. 12, 1893.

27. ANNIE L.[8] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., July 10, 1863; m. So. Paris, Me., Dec. 25, 1882, George W. Merrill of Paris, Me. Children: 3 (Merrill):

+ 73. i. **Helen Mabelle,**[9] b. Auburn, Me., Oct. 21, 1886.

74. ii. **Gladys Amelia,**[9] b. Auburn, Me., Sept. 20, 1891; A.B.

+ 75. iii. **Gertrude Charlotte,**[9] b. Auburn, Me., Dec. 13, 1900.

29. EMMA J.[8] PULSIFER, b. Paris, Me., June 23, 1864; m. Irving W. Horne. Children: 2 (Horne):

+ 76. i. **Alton Irving,**[9] b. Sept. 22, 1896.

77. ii. **John Roberts,**[9] b. Dec. 4, 1902.

30. FRANK F.[8] PULSIFER, b. Paris, Me., March 31, 1867; m. Myrtie Taber. One child (Pulsifer):

+ 78. i. **Helen Elizabeth,**[9] b. Natick, Mass., Feb. 17, 1898.

31. ALBERTA JANE[8] BARROWS, b. Auburn, Me., Nov. 1, 1857; d. Jan. 22, 1913; m. Charles Hemingway. Children: 2 (Hemingway):

79. i. **Ralph A.,**[9] b. July 19, 1884; m. Randolph, N. H., Dec. 24, 1908, Josephine Sherman.

80. ii. **Ruth Amelia,**[9] b. June 27, 1904.

33. FRANK E.[8] BARROWS, b. No. Buckfield, Me., June 25, 1866; m. 1888, Alice Maude Hurd. One child (Barrows):

+ 81. i. **Ethel,**[9] b. Feb. 13, 1890.

35. FREDERICK M.[8] BARROWS, b. Buckfield, Me., July 31, 1870; m. Jan. 5, 1895, Mabel Parsons. One child (Barrows):

82. i. **Wendell Parsons,**[9] b. No. Acton, Mass., Jan. 11, 1897; m. Newton, Mass., June 21, 1924, Mabel Frances Noyes, b. Dorchester, Mass., Dec. 5, 1899; B.S.; Phi Beta Kappa (Delta Chapter).

36. SARAH A.[8] BARROWS, b. Buckfield, Me., June 22, 1878; d. May 10, 1905; m. a Mr. Parker (given name unknown). Children: 2 (Parker):

83. i. **Ruth May,**[9] b. Boston, Mass., May 20, 1903.

84. ii. **Sarah Martha,**[9] b. Boston, Mass., May 8, 1905.

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37. HARRIET E.[9] MITCHELL, b. Auburn, Me., March 14, 1861; m., first, Boston, Mass., June, 1887, Francis M. Curren, d. Boston, Mass., April, 1898; m., second, Boston, Mass., 1903, Stephen Howard, d. Boston, Mass., Sept., 1912. One child by first husband (Curren):

85. i. **Frank,**[10] b. Boston, Mass., 1888; d. Boston, Mass., 1908.

38. FANNIE E.[9] MITCHELL, b. Sumner, Me., Aug. 13, 1866; m. Boston, Mass., June 1, 1885, Frederick A. Ball. Children: 7 (Ball):

86. i. **Grace E.**,[10] b. Boston, Mass., June 16, 1887; d. Nov. 27, 1892.

87. ii. **Harry A.**,[10] b. Auburn, Me., Dec. 4, 1888; d. July 10, 1889.

88. iii. **Charles C.**,[10] b. Auburn, Me., Dec. 7, 1889; d. Boston, Mass., Feb. 21, 1895.

89. iv. **Helen E.**,[10] b. Auburn, Me., Aug. 29, 1892.

90. v. **Bertha L.**,[10] b. Boston, Mass., Sept. 11, 1895.

91. vi. **Alice M.**,[10] b. Boston, Mass., Aug. 20, 1896; d. Boston, Mass., Feb. 10, 1899.

92. vii. **Beatrice M.**,[10] b. Boston, Mass., Aug. 6, 1902.

40. HARRY C.[9] MITCHELL, b. Auburn, Me., June 9, 1870; m. Auburn, Me., Sept. 27, 1890, Addie M. Bull of Boston. Children: 4 (Mitchell):

93. i. **Marcia M.**,[10] b. Auburn, Me., June 29, 1891; d. Boston, Mass., April 16, 1898.

94. ii. **Marshall M.**,[10] b. Boston, Mass., Sept. 12, 1898.

95. iii. **Myron E.**,[10] b. Boston Mass., Oct. 22, 1904.

96. iv. **Edith B.**,[10] b. Boston, Mass., Dec. 20, 1905.

42. GEORGE E. P.[9] MITCHELL, b. Sumner, Me., March 4, 1878; m. Boston, Mass., Feb. 4, 1899, Margarette Lippsett. One child (Mitchell):

97. i. **Ralph G.**,[10] b. Boston, Mass., Sept. 2, 1901.

43. JESSIE E.[9] PULSIFER, b. West Sumner, Me., June 17, 1869; d. Jan. 29, 1907; m. Portland, Me., March, 1889, Samuel L. Morse. Children: 2 (Morse):

98. i. **Charles L.**,[10] b. May 22, 1890; d. Dec. 6, 1890.

99. ii. **Raymond M.**,[10] b. Gorham, N. H., Oct. 9, 1895; m.

44. VELMA E.[9] PULSIFER, b. West Sumner, Me., Feb. 9, 1876; d. Jan. 25, 1922; m. Dec. 26, 1898, Charles L. Seaver of Worcester, Mass. One child (Seaver):

100. i. **Agnes R.**,[10] b. Feb. 5, 1900; m. Feb. 11, 1922, Adney Gurney.

46. CARRIE E.[9] PULSIFER, b. Norway, Me., March 29, 1889; m. Auburn, Me., June 4, 1906, Earle H. Jordan of Pownal, Me. Children: 14 (Jordan):

101. i. **Richard K.**,[10] b. Auburn, Me., May 18, 1907.

102. ii. **Melville L.**,[10] b. Auburn, Me., Oct. 1, 1908.

103. iii. **Doris I.**,[10] b. Gilead, Me., April 12, 1910; m. April 28, 1928, Mark P. Smith.

104. iv. **Almon F.**,[10] b. Gilead, Me., July 4, 1911.

105. v. **Marion J.**,[10] b. Gilead, Me., July 29, 1912.

106. vi. **Robert F.**,[10] b. Lewiston, Me., Aug. 3, 1914.

107. vii. **Ruth E.**,[10] b. Gilead Me., Oct. 8, 1915.

108. viii. **Earle H.**,[10] Jr., b. Auburn, Me., Oct. 4, 1917.

109. ix. **Donald P.**,[10] b. West Bethel, Me., May 17, 1919; d. Aug. 25, 1921.

110. x. **Sheldon F.**,[10] b. West Bethel, Me., April 1, 1921.

111. xi. **Norman E.**,[10] b. West Bethel, Me., July 5, 1922.

112. xii. **Laurence T.**,[10] b. West Bethel, Me., March 16, 1924.

113. xiii. **June**,[10] b. West Bethel, Me., Nov. 23, 1925.

114. xiv. **Carl P.**,[10] b. West Bethel, Me., Jan. 19, 1927.

47. HARRY E.[9] PULSIFER, b. Sumner, Me., June 27, 1875; m. June 11, 1902, Lillis Bessey of Buckfield, Me. One child (Pulsifer):

115. i. **Kenneth E.**,[10] b. March 10, 1907; m. Oct. 10, 1925, Verna E. Record of Buckfield, Me.

50. WALTER M.[9] CHANDLER, b. West Sumner, Me., Sept. 12, 1876; m. Jan. 1, 1902, Mary A. Mayhew. Children: 3 (Chandler):

116. i. **Iola M.**,[10] b. Oct. 17, 1902; m. Sept. 2, 1925, Arthur D. Forbes.

117. ii. **Annie E.,**[10] b. Aug. 31, 1904; m. Dec. 5, 1923, Elden G. Garey.

118. iii. **Ruby S.,**[10] b. July 26, 1908.

51. SUSIE E.[9] RYERSON, b. Sumner, Me., March 16, 1877; m. Oct. 20, 1900, K. D. Richmond. Children: 4 (Richmond):

119. i. **Albion Leslie,**[10] b. March 23, 1905.

120. ii. **Emerson E.,**[10] b. July 29, 1906.

121. iii. **Emery Tracy,**[10] b. So. Boston, Mass., Aug. 19, 1909.

122. iv. **Sanora Velma,**[10] b. So. Boston, Mass., Aug. 18, 1910.

52. EMERY ALEXANDER[9] RYERSON, b. West Sumner, Me., Jan. 13, 1886; m. Esther S. Amers of Lynn, Mass. Children: 8 (Ryerson):

123. i. **Reta Clyde,**[10] b. May 9, 1905; m. May 1, 1924, Leon F. Proctor.

124. ii. **Myrtle Geraldine,**[10] b. March 12, 1907; m. Dec. 10, 1927, Harold C. Bonney.

125. iii. **Donald Amers,**[10] b. May 21, 1911.

126. iv. **Leroy Nelson,**[10] b. March 14, 1913.

127. v. **Bernice Emma,**[10] b. March 13, 1915.

128. vi. **Beatrice Frances,**[10] b. July 5, 1918.

129. vii. **Erma Kathleen,**[10] b. June 26, 1920.

130. viii. **Emery Alexander,**[10] Jr., b. May 8, 1926.

53. BERTHA AGNES[9] SWIFT, b. West Sumner, Me., July 30, 1897; m. May 24, 1920, Harold Abbott, South Paris, Me. One child (Abbott):

131. i. **Irene Mildred,**[10] b. So. Paris, Me.

56. AUBURN H. H.[9] COTTON, b. West Sumner, Me., Jan. 2, 1870; d. Somerville, Mass., Nov. 5, 1921; m. Dorchester, Mass., Ella C. Ledwidge. Children: 2 (Cotton):

132. i. **Dorothy Louise,**[10]

133. ii. **May Phoebe**[10]
Twins, b. Somerville, Mass., Dec. 2, 1909; both unm.

58. SHIRLEY H.[9] PULSIFER, b. Buckfield, Me., June 15, 1876; m. Natick, Mass., Oct. 17, 1900, Grace Hand. Children: 2 (Pulsifer):

134. i. **Laurence H.,**[10] b. Sept. 19, 1902; m. Methuen, Mass., June 17, 1922, Mona Illingsworth.

135. ii. **Raymond F.,**[10] b. Aug. 7, 1904; m. Salem, N. H., March 17, 1928, Florence French.

59. WALTER H.[9] PULSIFER, M.D., b. Paris, Me., Nov. 22, 1883; m. Brockton, Mass., July 7, 1909, Edna M. Marston. Children: 3 (Pulsifer):

136. i. **Earle W.,**[10] b. May 26, 1912.

137. ii. **Walter H.,**[10] Jr., b. Jan. 23, 1915.

138. iii. **George E.,**[10] b. Oct. 27, 1916.

61. ROSE HARRIETT[9] PULSIFER, b. Natick, Mass., June 10, 1888; m. Natick, Mass., William P. Johnson. Children: 3 (Johnson):

139. i. **Kenneth William,**[10] b. Oct. 5, 1911.

140. ii. **Malcolm Edgar,**[10] b. June 17, 1915.

141. iii. **Madeline White,**[10] b. June 24, 1922.

65. JULIEN MURRAY[9] PULSIFER, b. Jamaica Plain, Mass., Jan. 16, 1897; m. Nov. 4, 1919, Anna Marjorie McKay. One child (Pulsifer):

142. i. **Warren Sutherland,**[10] b. Jamaica Plain, Mass., Oct. 8, 1920.

68. LESTER SCOTT[9] PULSIFER, b. Stoughton, Mass., Oct. 10, 1877; m. Boston, Mass., May 13, 1903, Ada May Tuttle of Lancaster, N. H. Student at Amherst College for three and a half years. Children: 5 (Pulsifer):

143. i. **Mary Elizabeth,**[10] b. Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 2, 1904.

144. ii. **Sally Chamberlain,**[10] b. Philadelphia, Pa., May 16, 1906.

145. iii. **Ruth,**[10] b. Philadelphia, Pa., May 4, 1907.

146. iv. **Dorothy Louise,**[10] b. Newark, N. J., Feb. 11, 1909; m. Oct. 16, 1927, Edward Rodely Kilsby.

147. v. **William Edmond,**[10] **Second,** b. Newark, N. J., July 19, 1913.

71. MERTON E.[9] TILTON, b. Buckfield, Me., March 21, 1883; m. Auburn, Me., June 30, 1903, Mildred M. Chandler. Children: 3 (Tilton):

148. i. **Alice Louise,**[10] b. Auburn, Me., June 10, 1905; d. Jan. 16, 1907.

149. ii. **Gerald E.,**[10] b. Auburn, Me., March 6, 1909; d. July 13, 1909.

150. iii. **Grace Amelia,**[10] b. Auburn, Me., Aug. 26, 1915.

72. ARDON F.[9] TILTON, JR., b. Bethel, Me., Dec. 12, 1893; d. Auburn, Me., Feb. 18, 1926; m. Lewiston, Me., Oct. 31, 1916, Isabel Clapperton. One child (Tilton):

151. i. **Forest Manning,**[10] b. Auburn, Me., Nov. 17, 1917.

73. HELEN MABELLE[9] MERRILL, b. Auburn, Me., Oct. 21, 1886; m. Auburn, Me., July 9, 1913, Carl R. Bryant of Waterville, Me.; A.B. One child (Bryant):

152. i. **Hope Merrill,**[10] b. Nashua, N. H., Jan. 20, 1917.

75. GERTRUDE CHARLOTTE[9] MERRILL, b. Auburn, Me., Dec. 13, 1900; m. Auburn, Me., Oct. 10, 1923, Herbert C. Sturtevant of Boston, Mass. One child (Sturtevant):

153. i. **Nancy Sturtevant,**[10] b. Sept. 25, 1924.

76. ALTON IRVING[9] HORNE, b. Sept. 22, 1896; m. June, 1918, Dorothy E. Mott. One child (Horne):

154. i. **Robert Irving,**[10] b. Sept. 12, 1923.

78. HELEN ELIZABETH[9] PULSIFER, b. Natick, Mass., Feb. 17, 1898; m. Natick, Mass., June 30, 1925, Carl T. Collingham. One child (Collingham):

155. i. **Philip Heath,**[10] b. Natick, Mass., Oct. 27, 1927.

81. ETHEL[9] BARROWS, b. Feb. 13, 1890; m. ——— Bishop. Children: 2 (Bishop):

156. i.

157. ii.

APPENDIX

(Copy)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Secretary

Boston, October 24, 1910.

W. E. Pulsifer,
231-241 West 39th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 20th instant I would state that an examination of the record index to the Revolutionary Rolls collection shows that there are fifteen persons bearing the surname Pulcifer, Pulsifer, Pulsipher credited with service at various times between 1775 and 1783.

The service records in detail of all persons bearing the surname Pulsifer under its various forms appear in Vol. 12 of the official publication, "Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution," a copy of which work is in the Lenox Library in your city.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) Wm. M. Olin,
Secretary.

(Copy)

Ipswich, Mass.,
October 26, 1910.

W. E. Pulsifer,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I find that as early as 1669 children were born to Benedict Pulsifer. As the town was incorporated in 1634, that may indicate that the Pulsifer family was among the earlier settlers of the town. In fact they were here among the first people who made their homes in the town.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Charles W. Bamford,
Town Clerk and Treasurer,
Ipswich, Mass.

EXCERPTS FROM ESSEX COUNTY (MASS.) RECORDS AND FILES OF THE QUARTERLY COURTS 1636-1683

Regarding the will of Richard Waters, father of Susana Waters who was Benedict[1] Pulsifer's second wife

> "Allso my will is that the rest of my children, viz., Abigail Punchard, Mary English, **Susana Pulsiver**, and Hanah Striker, who neither of them have had any pt. or portion of my estate already as my fore mentioned children have had, shall have the rest of my estate that shall be left at my son William's Decease, the Legacies to my other Children being paid or deducted out as aforesd to be equally divided between them, be the Estate more or less, it being likely that what is left then will be most in the house and Ground."

"IPSWICH-CANADA (Winchendon), Mass.

"Essex ss. At a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the General Court for the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, to lay out a Township of the contents of six miles square, in answer to a petition of Abraham Tilton and others, officers and soldiers in the expedition to Canada, Anno 1690, the following persons were admitted as Grantees of said Township and gave bonds to fulfil the Court's Order thereof.

"Ipswich April 13th, 1736

"Right entered on	Name	Abode
UNCLE BENEDICTUS	EBENEZER PULCEPHER	GLOUCESTER

"(The Expedition to Canada in 1690, under Sir William Phips, p. 52. They sailed from New England, 10 Aug., 1690, and reached Quebec in Oct. 1690.)"

Ebenezer[3] Pulsifer (son of John[2] Pulsifer, son of Benedictus[1] Pulsifer) of Gloucester established his right in 1736 to be a

grantee of Ipswich-Canada (now Winchendon) in right of the military service of his "Uncle" Benedictus[2] Pulsifer, the son of the original Benedictus Pulsifer. Therefore, it was Benedictus[2] Pulsifer, Junior, brother of John[2] Pulsifer, who went to Quebec in Sir William Phips' expedition in 1690. (See copy on previous page taken from Essex County, Mass., records.)

The evidence found implies that Benedictus[2] Pulsifer, Junior, left no descendants, and we know that he must have died before 1736.

THE PULSIFER FARM AT POLAND, MAINE

The farm bought in 1886 by James S. Sanborn from the estate of Hon. John Rust Pulsifer was in the Pulsifer family from the time David,[4] Jr., cleared it in 1790 until the death of Hon. John R. Pulsifer. Concerning the clearing of this farm, five hundred acres of which were bought by David[4] Pulsifer, Jr., at one dollar and a quarter per acre, and the building of a log house, Martha Bolster Pulsifer, widow of Hon. John Rust Pulsifer, told James A. Pulsifer, Esq., of Auburn, Maine, an interesting story which is as follows:

> "When the first Pulsifers came from Cape Ann they journeyed by vessel landing at Yarmouth, Maine. There was not a very good place to land, so they swung the cattle overboard by means of tackle attached to their horns and lowered them into the water and swam them ashore. From there they went by spotted trail to Poland, where the men had already built a log house on the knoll not far from the Sanborn mansion (recently destroyed by fire). There were Indians about there. The men cut down the old growth by making what they called a slash. They cut the trees over quite an area all on one side not quite enough to fell the trees, then the last ones cut were felled against the others, knocking them all down like a row of dominoes. After letting the trees dry enough to burn well they burned them on the ground.
>
> "They planted corn among the stumps, and an early frost came and nipped the tips of the young corn. Someone told them the corn would not do well unless the affected tips were cut off. Polly Rust went over the whole piece cutting off the tips with her scissors."

In this connection James A. Pulsifer, Esq., has written the following:

> "Later they built a frame house which when I was a boy Uncle John Rust Pulsifer used as a hen house, and he had an ice house in the corner of it.
>
> "Later still they built the fine old Pulsifer Mansion which had great brick chimneys, fireplaces, big brick arches in the cellar, and a great brick oven in the kitchen.
>
> "The men made the brick down in the bog not far away, back of the house, mixing the clay by driving the cattle around and around in it; then they made the bricks one at a time by pressing the clay by hand into the single moulds.

"The men would come home very tired and looking like one lump of mud. John Rust Pulsifer's father after making brick all day went over to Pottle Hill a-courting and fell asleep while there.

"They used the bog above mentioned for cranberries. The further margin had a fine spring in it, from which Sanborn after he bought the place supplied his buildings with water by windmill. When I was a boy I used to visit there often to see Cousin John Rust Pulsifer, Jr., who was I think three or four years younger than I. There were two big barns on the place, a cow barn and a horse barn, the latter across the street from the house. The house is now burned down, and the barns were torn down when Sanborn put up the great barn to house his French Coach Stock. This was one of the largest and best farms in Poland and remained in the Pulsifer family until Sanborn bought it after the death of John Rust Pulsifer."

The frame house referred to above, somewhat remodeled by Hon. John Rust Pulsifer, and all other buildings, including the finest barn in Androscoggin County, Maine, which was erected by Mr. Sanborn, were destroyed by fire June 15, 1908.

EXCERPT FROM THE HISTORY OF POLAND, MAINE, PUBLISHED IN 1890

David Pulsifer, Junior, born Essex, Mass., in 1730. Came to Poland in 1790, settled on a farm, known in 1890 as the Sanborn Farm, otherwise known as the Elmwood Farm. David, Junior, purchased 500 acres of land at $1.25 per acre, which he divided among his sons, all men grown. These five sons were: Jonathan (First), **Ephraim**, David, Samuel, and Solomon. He had two daughters: Sally and Hannah. David's wife, Hannah, died in 1831, and he in 1832, both over 100 years of age.

LINE OF DESCENT OF NANCY RYERSON PULSIFER

Nancy Ryerson, who married Jonathan[6] Pulsifer in 1816, was the great, great granddaughter of Martin Ryerson who came to Brooklyn, New York, about 1646. He was a member of the Brooklyn Church in 1677, a magistrate in 1682, an assessor in 1675, 1676, and 1683. He married in 1663 Annetye Rapalie, the daughter of Joris Jansen Rapalie of Huguenot descent. Martin Ryerson died about 1690.

Joris Ryerson, the son of Martin Ryerson and the great grandfather of Nancy Ryerson, had a lease of the King's farm on the land where the Astor Hotel of New York City now stands (Times Square). Joris Ryerson later moved to Bergen County, New Jersey, where he bought a large tract of land. Ryerson Street in Brooklyn, New York, was named for Martin Ryerson, the first Ryerson to come to this country.

Nancy Ryerson was the daughter of Luke R. Ryerson, who was born in Bergen County, New Jersey, in 1739. He moved to Gloucester, Massachusetts, married Abigail Ellory, and had twelve children, part of whom were born in New Gloucester, Maine, where his wife died. After the death of his first wife, he married Sarah Coombs in 1792. Nancy Ryerson, born March 9, 1798, was the fourth child by this marriage.

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